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09/542.413	04/04/2000	Gurpreet Ahluwalia	81049969	5672

TITLE OF INVENTION: ONLINE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF REPORTING RELATED TO ORDERS FOR CONSUMER PRODUCT HAVING SPECIFIC CONFIGURATIONS

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith for previously mailed, a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.

This communication is responsive to communications filed 5/31/11.

2.
An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

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 An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-41.
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 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 	Notice of Informal Patent Application
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Cushion on 8/25/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14 is amended as follows:

14. (Currently Amended) A method of processing and storing data associated with online orders for consumer manufactured products having particular manufactured product configurations, comprising:

receiving <u>at a computer</u>, a product configuration selection by an online customer from a configuration database of product configuration options:

querying <u>by the computer</u>, an inventory database to determine if one or more unreserved products in-process match the online customer-selected product configuration;

using the computer to receive receiving a reserved online order of [[a]] an unreserved product in-process from the online customer if the online customer selected product configuration at least partially matches the one or more product-unreserved products in-process and is available from in the inventory database;

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receiving by the computer, a custom online order from the online customer if the online customer selected product configuration does not at least partially match the one or more product-unreserved products in-process eris not available-from in the inventory database:

capturing by the computer, the reserved or custom online order containing at least one manufactured product identifier and the manufactured product configuration submitted by the online customer;

capturing <u>by the computer</u>, click stream data generated during an online session during which the online customer submitted the online order;

storing by the computer, the online order and click stream data in a report database; and

generating <u>by the computer</u>, a report related to consumer manufactured product online orders based on at least a portion of the information stored in the report database.

Claim 29 is amended as follows:

29. (Currently Amended) A method of reporting data associated with online orders for manufactured consumer products having particular product configuration,

comprising:

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capturing <u>at a computer</u>, a manufactured product configuration selected by an online customer from a configuration database of product configuration options:

capturing by the computer, an online order containing at least one manufactured product identifier and specifying the manufactured product configuration, the manufactured product being a reserved online order of [[a]] an unreserved product inprocess from an online customer if the online customer selected manufactured product configuration at least partially matches [[the]] one or more product-unreserved products in-process in and is available from an inventory database or a custom online order from the online customer if the online customer selected manufactured product configuration does not at least partially match the one or more unreserved product-products in-process or is not awailable from in the inventory database;

capturing <u>by the computer</u>, click stream data generated during an online session during which the online customer submitted the online order;

storing <u>by the computer</u>, the manufactured product configuration, online order and click stream data in a report database; and

generating <u>by the computer</u>, reports related to the manufactured product configuration, online order, and click stream data.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 8/30/11 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the Art Unit: 3628

full statutory term prior patent No. 7,627,503 and 7,596,508 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1-41 are allowed.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. None of the prior art of record either individually or in combination teach the following:
- an order processor operable to receive a custom order from the user if the userselected manufactured product configuration does not at least partially match the one or more unreserved products in-process in the inventory database.

The present invention discloses a method of processing and storing data associated with online orders for consumer manufactured products having particular manufactured product configurations. The allowable feature of providing an order processor operable to receive a custom order from the user if the user-selected manufactured product configuration does not at least partially match the one or more unreserved products in-process in the inventory database is not disclosed by any prior art reference. The closest prior art, Bezos et al (US 6029141) discloses an Internet-based referral system that enables individuals and other business entities ("associates") to market products, in return for a commission, that are sold from a merchant's Web site. The next closest prior art, Johnson et al (US 6067525) discloses a salesforce automation system which integrates computerized, intelligent automated

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salesperson support for multiple phases of the sales process. The next closest prior art, Cathey et al (US 5778182) discloses a usage management system for tracking usage of applications available to subscribers of an interactive network includes an application server adapted to process a plurality of applications on demand by the users. The next closest prior art, Brandt et al (US 6377993) discloses an Intranet/Internet/Web-based data management tool that provides a common GUI enabling the requesting. customizing, scheduling and viewing of various types of priced call detail data reports pertaining to a customer's usage of telecommunications services. The next closest prior art. Sutcliffe et al (US 6073105) discloses a system for providing personal advertisements over a public network and for matching personal advertisements of different users includes means for integrating data from a plurality of different storage devices into a single database accessible by a user over a public network. The next closest prior art, Brown (US 5794219) discloses a method of conducting an on-line auction that permits individual bidders to pool bids during a bidding session. Newly cited art, Brown et al (CA 2260575) discloses a processor with access to an inventory database and a customer database is configured to process control procedures instructed via a user interface to assist dealership personnel in matching a product in the inventory database with the customer specific information in the customer database in order to identify a product for purchase by a customer. However, Bezos et al, Johnson et al, Cathey et al, Brandt et al, Sutcliffe et al, Brown, and Brown et al all fail to disclose the feature of providing an order processor operable to receive a custom order from the user if the user-selected manufactured product configuration does not at

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least partially match the one or more unreserved products in-process in the inventory database. This distinct feature has been added to independent claims 1, 14 and 29 and renders them and all claims that depend from them allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akiba K Robinson-Boyce whose telephone number is 571-272-6734. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the
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A. R. B. September 15, 2011

> /Akiba K Robinson-Boyce/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3628